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(Poly(acryloyl-hydroxyethyl starch)-plga composition

microspheres

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Sir:

The following proposed amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed March 25, 2011.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper. No additional claims fees are due.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.